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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3733

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                           |
|                             | : | Examiner: Anuradha Ramana |
| Kevin T. FOLEY, ET AL.      | ) |                           |
|                             | : | Group Art Unit: 3733      |
| Application No.: 10/643,878 | ) |                           |
|                             | : | Confirmation No: 5214     |
| Filed: August 20, 2003      | ) |                           |
|                             | : |                           |
| For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  | ) | October 31, 2007          |
| SECURING A PLATE TO THE     | : |                           |
| SPINAL COLUMN               | ) |                           |

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final Official Action mailed October 9, 2007, the Examiner is requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.